because of the insecurity. If it goes on like this, it will become a losing concern, and, definitely, some time in the future, the Government may come and say that this is sick and, therefore, there is no other alternative but to close it down. Therefore, it needs immediate attention and I urge upon the Government to take proper note of the situation, the anarchic situation that is prevailing in the Calcutta-metro. Thank you.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Sir, I want to associate myself with because my friend and colleague has raised the issue of fire-fighting measures and prevention of fire from a fire brand Minister. Sir, metro is the pride of our country. Sir, it is the most modern state-of-the-art mode of transport that we have in our country. But its planning has been done halfheartedly and much is left to be desired. It is faulty planning and adequate safety measures are not there. Besides, its maintenance work has also been neglected. This is what is happening and it is scaring the people. Now the time has come when the Government, the Railway Ministry, in particular, should take adequate measures so that repetition of such instances does not occur

Leakage of oil into sea from IOC Pipeline into National Marine Park on Jamnagar coast.

SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT(Gujarat): Sir, I want to bring to the notice of this august House the tragedy which happened in the National Marine Park, near the Jamnagar coast. This National Marine Park is under the control of the Government of India. But the flora and fauna of this Park are dying because of the leakage of oil from the IOC pipeline this morning. There are reports in the press that the dolphins have died, the turtles have died. A three-inche layer of oil has spread over several kilometers. Necessary action is required to be taken by the Environment Department and the Ecology Department of the State Government. When the reports came out earlier, the State Government and the State Ministers were reluctant to take much note of it. But when the Officer-in-charge of the Marine Department, Mr. Pal, took a serious notice and when he gave a notice to the Indian Oil Corporation, only then the State Government realised that there is a real danger to this National Marine Park.

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As a result, the concerned persons in the IOC apprehended that they would be arrested under the provisions of the Forest Act. Therefore, they went to the sessions court to get anticipatory bail, but, still, they have not got anticipatory bail. The question is this. Necessary action has to be taken to remove the three-inche layer of oil in the sea - it is being tossed over by winds from one area to another area. But, definitely, because of this leakage, a number of dolphins and turtles have died. It is more difficult for the turtles to swim and come to the shore and, therefore, they are dying. Therefore, my submission is that the Government of India should take a very serious note of this report. They may send some senior officer from the Forest Department, or, the persons who are in charge of this National Marine Park, to see what is happening there and how that can be controlled. If the leakage is still continuing from the IOC pipeline or from the refineries which are working there, that should be stopped and plugged. Adequate measures should be taken to prevent any further spilling into the sea, at places where such small islands are located, where this beautiful National Marine Park is situated. Preventive measures should also be taken to see that the flora and fauna of the National Marine Park should not die because of the mistake and hazardous action by the IOC and the refineries which are working there. Therefore, I would urge upon the Central Government, as this park is under the control of the Forest Department, under the Forest Act, to send a responsible person immediately to that area to see what is happening there and also to see how that damage can be restricted. And the layer of oil which is there on the sea, should be removed so that these beautiful creatures of the National Marine Park are saved.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): We shall now take up the Securities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1999. Mr. Minister.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, before I move the Bill, I would like to make a submission before the House. This Bill and the Securities Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 may be taken up together for discussion because they both relate to the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act. If the House approves this, then I will move both the Bills together.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): We can take up both the Bills together.

I. THE SECURITIES LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1999